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cyl·in·der **Pronunciation Key** (sĭl'ə-n-dər)
n.

1. Mathematics.

- The surface generated by a straight line intersecting and moving along a closed plane curve, the directrix, while remaining parallel to a fixed straight line that is not on or parallel to the plane of the directrix.
- The portion of such a surface bounded by two parallel planes and the regions of the planes bounded by the surface.
- A solid bounded by two parallel planes and such a surface, especially such a surface having a circle as its directrix.

2. A cylindrical container or object.

3. Engineering.

- The chamber in which a piston of a reciprocating engine moves.
- The chamber of a pump from which fluid is expelled by a piston.

4. The rotating chamber of a revolver that holds the cartridges.

5. Any of several rotating parts in a printing press, especially one that carries the paper.

6. Archaeology. A cylindrical stone or clay object with an engraved design or inscription.

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[Latin *cylindrus*, from Greek *kulindros*, from *kulindein*, *to roll*.]

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Pattern box, chain, or cylinder (Figure Weaving), devices, in a loom, for presenting several shuttles to the picker in the proper succession for forming the figure.

Pattern card. (a) A set of samples on a card. (b) (Weaving) One of the perforated cards in a Jacquard apparatus.

Pattern reader, one who arranges textile patterns.

Pattern wheel (Horology), a count-wheel.

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\Cyl'in*der\ (s?l'?'n-d?r), n. [F. *cylindre*, OF. *cilindre*, L. *cylindrus*, fr. Gr. *ky'lindros*, fr. *kyli'ndein*, *kyli' ein*, *to roll*. Cf. Calender the machine.] 1. (Geom.) (a) A solid body which may be generated by the rotation of a parallelogram round one its sides; or a body of rollerlike form, of which the longitudinal section is oblong, and the cross section is circular. (b) The space inclosed by any cylindrical surface. The space may be limited or unlimited in length.

2. Any hollow body of cylindrical form, as: (a) The chamber of a steam engine in which the piston is moved by the force of steam. (b) The barrel of an air or other pump. (c) (Print.) The revolving platen or bed which produces the impression or carries the type in a cylinder press. (d) The bore of a gun; the turning chambered breech of a revolver.

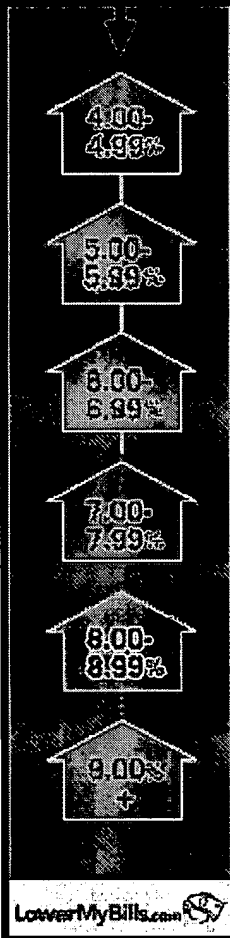
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3. The revolving square prism carrying the cards in a Jacquard loom.

Cylinder axis. (Anat.) See Axis cylinder, under Axis.

Cylinder engine (Paper Making), a machine in which a cylinder takes up the pulp and delivers it in a continuous sheet to the dryers.

Cylinder escapement. See Escapement.

Cylinder glass. See Glass.

Cylinder mill. See Roller mill.

Cylinder press. See Press.

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n 1: a solid bounded by a cylindrical surface and two parallel planes (the bases) 2: a surface generated by rotating a parallel line around a fixed line 3: within which piston moves [syn: piston chamber] 4: a cylindrical container for oxygen or compressed air

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<storage> The set of tracks on a multi-headed disk that may be accessed without head movement. That is, the collection of disk tracks which are the same distance from the spindle about which the disks rotate. Each such group forms the shape of a cylinder. Placing data that are likely to be accessed together in cylinders reduces the access significantly as head movement (seeking) is slow compared to disk rotation and switching between heads.

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Location: 43.09041 N, 94.55126 W
Population (1990): 112 (53 housing units)
Area: 0.2 sq km (land), 0.0 sq km (water)
Zip code(s): 50528

Source: U.S. Gazetteer, U.S. Census Bureau

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